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SUBJECT: IRISH PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE'S OFFICIAL VISIT - THE
HORSE CONNECTION

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FROM PERSONAL CONVERSATION
BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND RODERIC MORE-O'FERRALL, PROMINENT
BREEDER AND
STUD FARM OWNER. PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE'S
MAIN INTEREST IN HORSES IS IN HUNTING AND ATTENDING RACE
MEETINGS', NOT IN BREEDING. HE IS A VERY KEEN HUNTING MAN
AND REGULAR RACE-GOER.

2. MANY AMERICAN THOROUGHBRED HORSES ARE BEING PURCHASED
AND BROUGHT TO IRELAND FOR BREEDING PURPOSES AND
RACING. (AT PRESENT IRELAND BUYS MORE U.S. BLOODSTOCK
THAN THE U.K.).

3. IN MANY RESPECTS THE SITUATION HAS COME FULL CIRCLE
FOR, OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST 35 YEARS, A GREAT MANY
STALLIONS AND MARES FROM EUROPE'S FINEST BLOODLINES WERE
EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF A
DEVELOPING U.S. INTEREST IN THOROUGHBRED BLOODSTOCK AND
IN THE POST-WAR YEARS AMERICANS WERE PAYING HIGH PRICES.
BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING INTEREST AND BIGGER MARKET
IRISH BLOODLINES WERE MUCH IN DEMAND IN THE UNITED

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STATES.

4. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS VERY MUCH A TWO-WAY STREET
WITH IRISH THOROUGHBREDS IN CONTINUING DEMAND IN THE
UNITED STATES FOR RACING AND BREEDING.
CONVERSELY, LEADING AMERICAN BLOODLINES ARE MUCH SOUGHT
AFTER BY PROMINENT IRISH BREEDERS. IRISH STUD FARMS ARE
WELL REPRESENTED AT AMERICAN BLOODSTOCK SALES.
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